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SUBJECT: LIBYAN MILITARY AID TO TURKEY

1. IN DISCUSSION OF CURRENT CYPRUS CRISIS, TURKISH FIRST SECRETARY HAS TOLD EMBOFFS ON TWO OCCASIONS THAT LIBYAN LEADER QADHAFI IS HEAVILY SUPPORTING TURKEY WITH ALL THE OIL IT CAN USE, AS WELL AS BOMBS AND AIRPLANE SPARE PARTS OBTAINED FROM STORES AT FORMER US AIR FORCE BASE WHEELUS. SOME OF DELIVERIES TO TURKS HAVE BEEN ACCOMPANIED BY EMOTIONAL MILITARY CEREMONIES AT WHICH QADHAFI TOOK PART. ACCORDING TO SOURCE QADHAFI'S MOTIVES ARE BASICALLY SENTIMENTAL, BASED ON FACT THAT HE IS FORMER STUDENT AT TURKISH GENERAL STAFF COMMAND SCHOOL.

2. SOURCE ADDED THAT A DAY OR TWO AFTER TURKISH INVASION WAS LAUNCHED, LARGE NUMBER OF PHANTOM JETS DESTINED FOR IRAN STOPPED EN ROUTE IN TURKEY. THEIR IRANIAN MARKINGS WERE CHANGED TO TURKISH STAR AND CRESCENT, THEREBY DELUDING
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GREEKS THAT TURKISH AIR FORCE WAS CONSIDERABLY LARGER THAN IT WAS.

3. ACCORDING TO SOURCE ABOVE DEVELOPMENTS WERE CRUCIAL
IN DISCOURAGING MILITARY OPERATIONS FROM GREECE.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY DOES NOT CONSIDER THIS
UNIMPEACHABLE SOURCE,BUT FEELS INFO OF SUFFICIENT INTEREST TO
WARRANT REPORTING.
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